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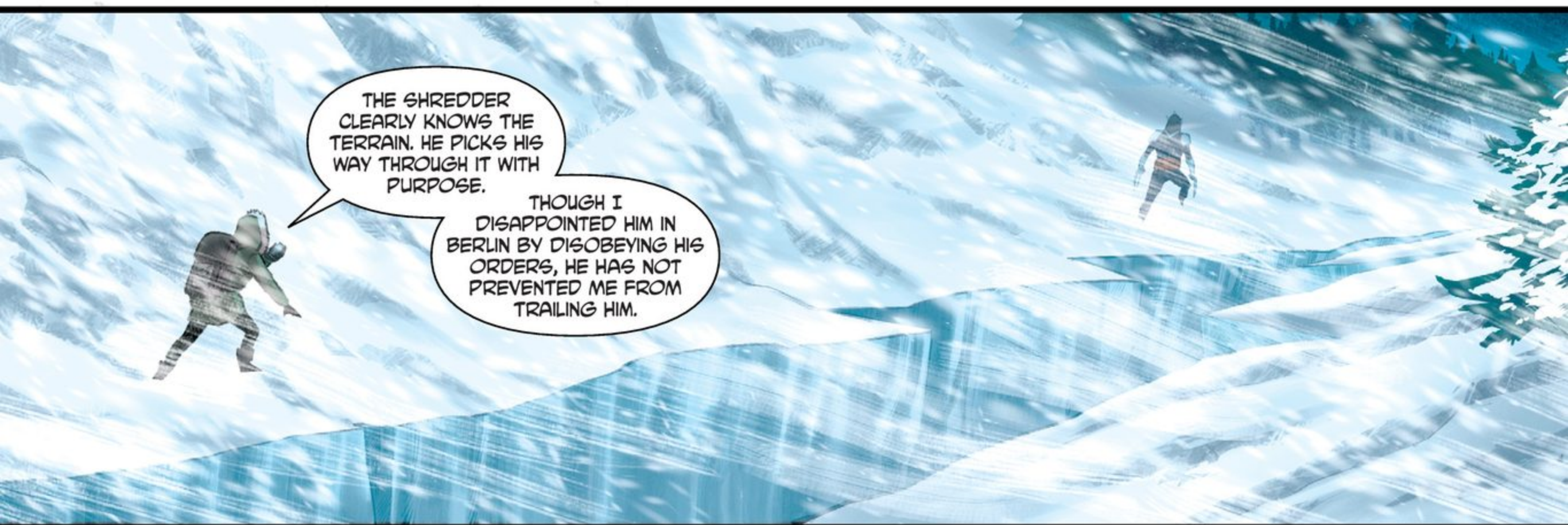
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COLONEL KNIGHT. I AM RECORDING THIS TESTIMONIAL AS I THINK I AM GOING TO DIE IN THIS BLIZZARD, ON THIS GODFORSAKEN MOUNTAINSIDE SOMEWHERE IN JAPAN.





THE SHREDDER
CLEARLY KNOWS THE
TERRAIN. HE PICKS HIS
WAY THROUGH IT WITH
PURPOSE.

THOUGH I
DISAPPOINTED HIM IN
BERLIN BY DISOBEYING HIS
ORDERS, HE HAS NOT
PREVENTED ME FROM
TRAILING HIM.



BUT HE HAS NOT
SPOKEN A WORD TO ME IN
ALMOST TWO DAYS, AND HAS
NOT LOOKED BACK ONCE TO
SEE IF I AM STILL
FOLLOWING.

I HAVE LOST TRACK OF
THE HOURS WE HAVE BEEN
WALKING, CLAMBERING, AND
CLIMBING. I HAVE LOST SIGHT
OF HIM THREE TIMES.

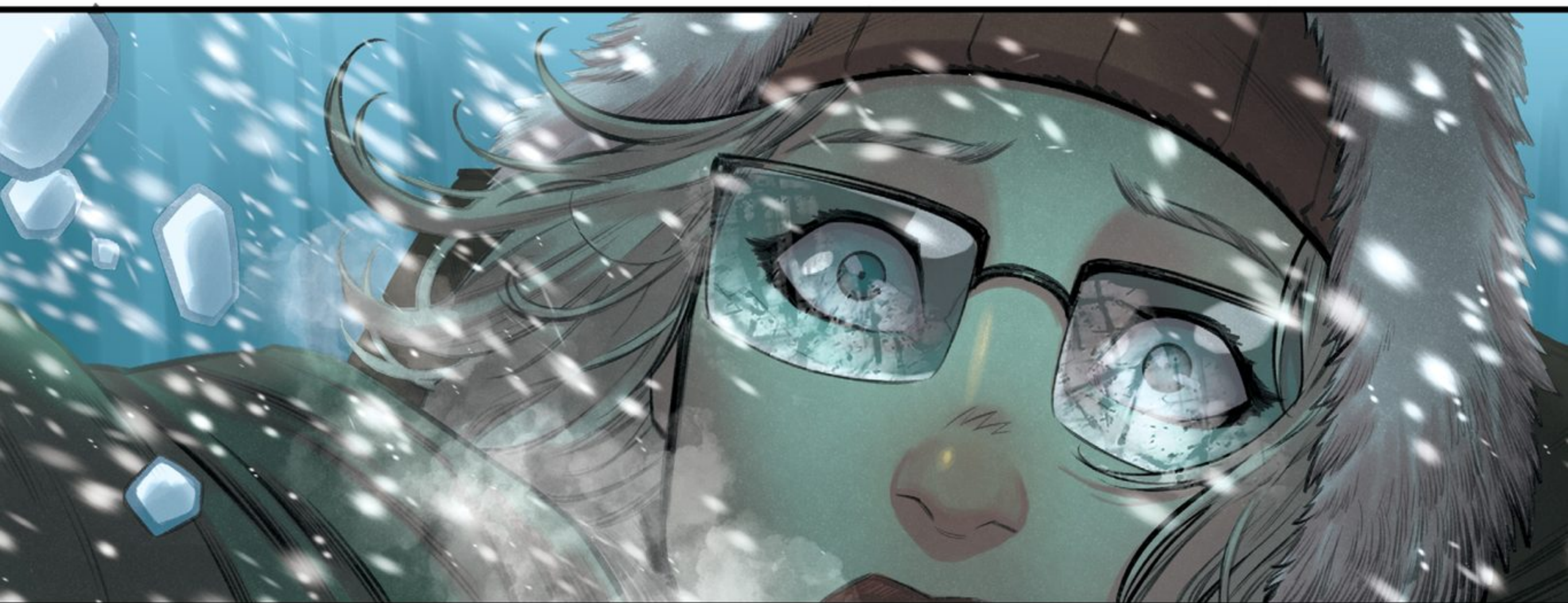


I AM FATIGUED
AND DEHYDRATED.
THE AIR IS GETTING
THIN.

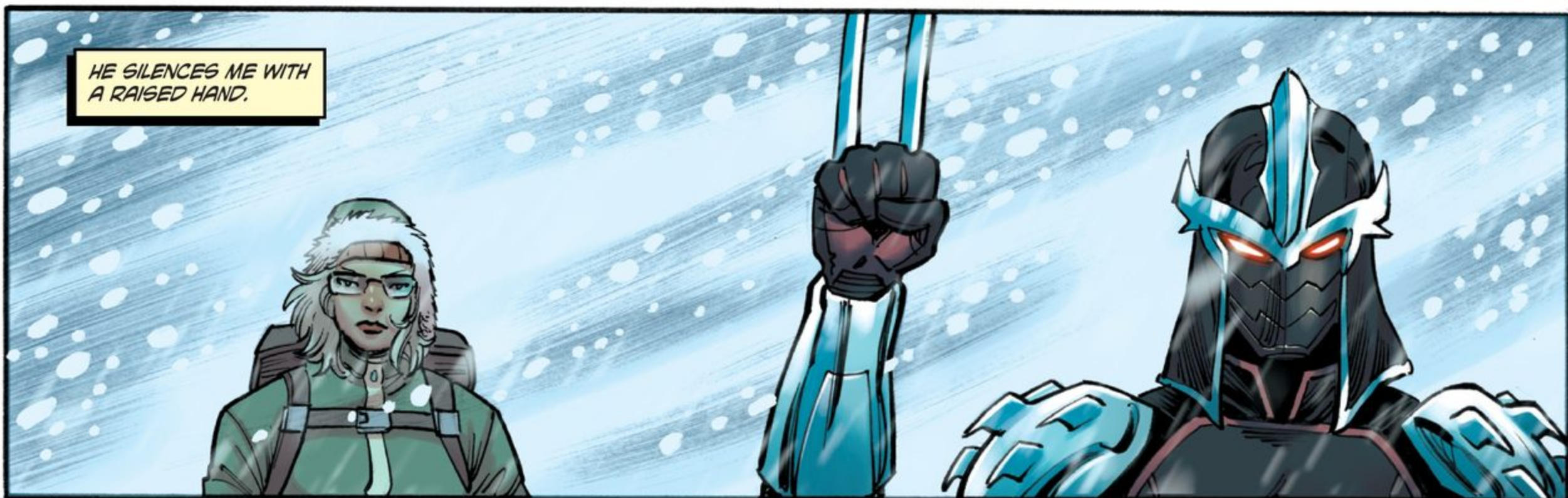
AND I AM TRYING VERY
HARD NOT TO THINK HE IS
DOING THIS TO ME ON
PURPOSE...



...THAT HE
IS HOPING I
WILL FA--







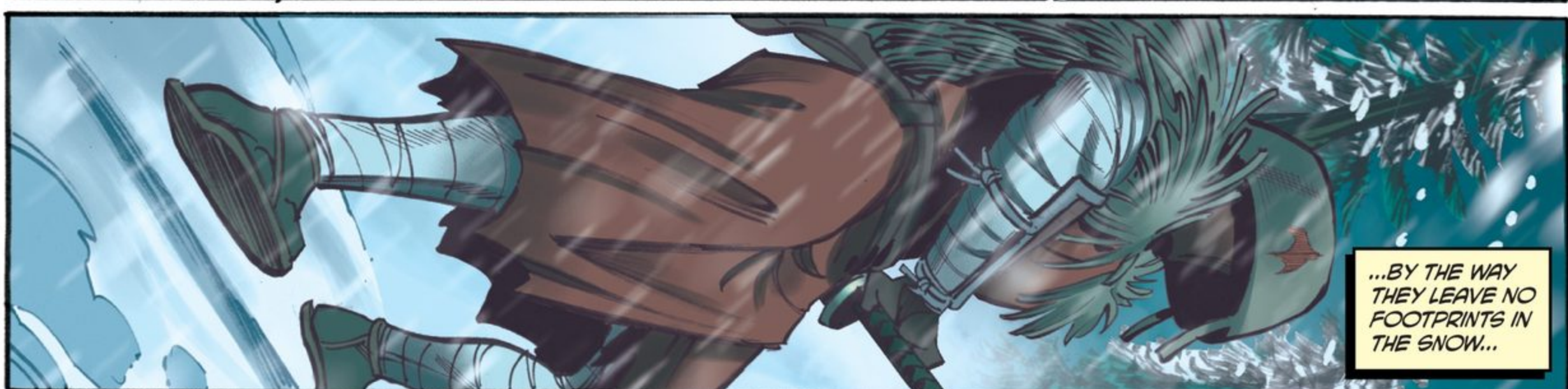


THE MEN EMERGE
FROM THE TREE LINE.



BUT NO.

BY THE WAY THEY STEP
DIRECTLY THROUGH THE
BRANCHES...



...BY THE WAY
THEY LEAVE NO
FOOTPRINTS IN
THE SNOW...



...IT APPEARS THEY
ARE NOT MEN NOW,
IF THEY EVER WERE.



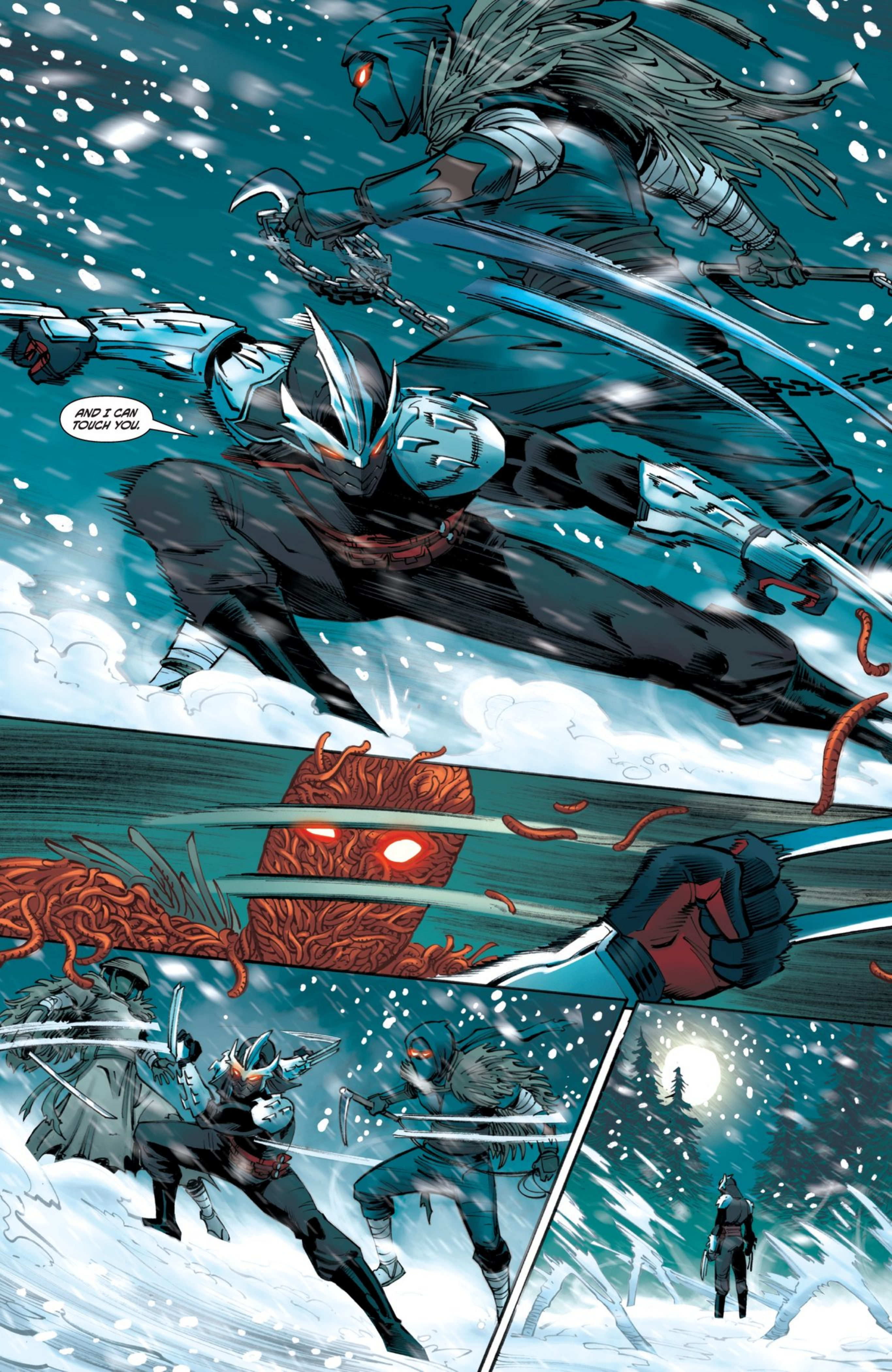


HIS CLAWS MOVED
THROUGH THEM LIKE
SMOKE. AS THOUGH
THEY WERE NOT
THERE AT ALL.

...EDGES THAT
ARE EVIDENTLY
VERY REAL.

BUT THEIR OWN
SWORDS GLEAM
WITH CRUEL EDGES...



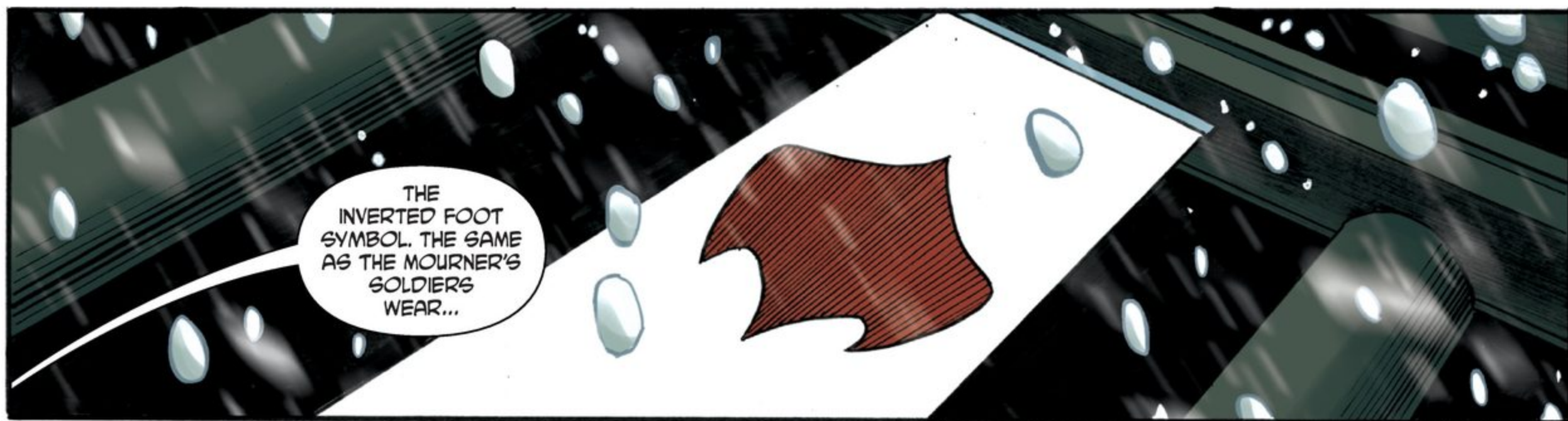


AND I CAN TOUCH YOU.



"TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN."







<YOU THOUGHT
THAT IF YOU
SURVIVED FOR
CENTURIES, I
WOULD NOT FIND
A WAY...>

<...MYZOKO?>

<I FEAR
I HAVE ONLY
SURVIVED, MASTER,
AFTER A MANNER.>

OH GOD...

WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO
HIM?



<AS HER SOLDIERS TORE THROUGH OUR PRIESTS, I USED MAGIC TO ATTEMPT TO HIDE THE RELIC FROM HER...>

"<...BUT THE MOURNER SEEMED TO KNOW SO MUCH.>"

<I AM YOUR SUCCESSOR--THE NEW LEADER OF THE FOOT MYSTICS.>

<POOR MYZOKO. YOU CAN GIVE IT TO ME, NOW.>

<WE ARE NOT A HIERARCHICAL ORDER.>

<OUR SACRED ROLE IS TO MEDITATE... TO PROTECT THE FOOT CLAN'S MAGIC...>

<...AND TO KEEP THE HEART. TO KEEP IT HERE, BY OROKU SAKI'S DECREE.>



<I MOURN FOR YOU, MYZOKO. YOU HAVE NO SACRED ROLE.>

<SAKI--THE SHREDDER--EXILED YOU ALL HERE.>



<HE HAD COME TO POSSESS THE *HEART OF TENGU* IN HIS QUEST FOR IMMORTALITY.>



<BUT THEN HE REALIZED THAT SUCH WAS ITS POWER, HE WOULD BECOME *ITS* SERVANT, RATHER THAN THE OTHER WAY AROUND.>



<THIS HE COULD NOT TOLERATE. THIS HE *FEARED*.>

<AND SO HE SENT IT AWAY. WITH YOU.>

<TUCKED IT OUT OF SIGHT, IN CASE ONE DAY HE HAD NEED OF IT.>



<HE SENT YOU UP THE MOUNTAIN TO ROT. TO LET *YOU* BE WARPED BY THE HEART IN HIS STEAD.>



<BUT I
PROMISE, WE
SHALL USE IT TO
TRANSFORM THIS
SICK WORLD.>

<THE GODS
ARE DEAD...BUT THEY
YEARN TO BE *REBORN*.
TO BECOME SOMETHING
NEW AND BEAUTIFUL.>



<THE FOOT
MYSTICS WILL
BE THE ONES
TO FACILITATE
THIS.>

<AND
THUS YOUR
LONG YEARS OF
SACRIFICE, FREEZING
AT THE TOP OF THIS
HILL, SHALL NOT
HAVE BEEN IN
VAIN.>

<IS THIS NOT
ALL YOU COULD
HAVE ASKED
FOR?>



<YOUR
POISONED
TONGUE WILL
NOT SWAY
US.>



<HIS
CHEST.>

<HE'S
HIDDEN THE
HEART OF TENGU
IN HIS OWN
CHEST.>



NO...

<THANK
YOU.>



<SHE TORE THE
HEART OF TENGU
FROM BETWEEN
MY RIBS.>

<AND WHEN
SHE LEFT, THE
REST OF OUR
MONKS WENT
WITH HER.>



<PLEASE, MASTER.
THOUGH MY VOWS DO NOT
AFFORD ME TO TAKE MY
OWN LIFE, GRANT ME
PERMISSION TO SHOW
PENITENCE.>

<ASSIST ME
IN COMMITTING
SEPPUKU.>



<EXPOSURE
TO THE HEART
OF TENGU HAS
GIVEN YOU
LONGEVITY.>

<NOW YOU SEEK
MY HELP WITH RITUAL
SUICIDE?>



<I WILL
LET YOU SHOW
YOUR REMORSE,
FAITHFUL
MYZOKO.>

<THANK YOU,
MASTER. THANK
YOU...>



<WAIT...
WH-WHERE ARE
YOU GOING?>





<PERHAPS
THE HEART OF
TENGU'S EFFECTS WILL
WEAR OFF IN A CENTURY
OR SO, AND YOU WILL
BE AFFORDED
DEATH.>

<PERHAPS IT
NEVER WILL, AND
YOU WILL PERSIST
IN ETERNAL
AGONY.>



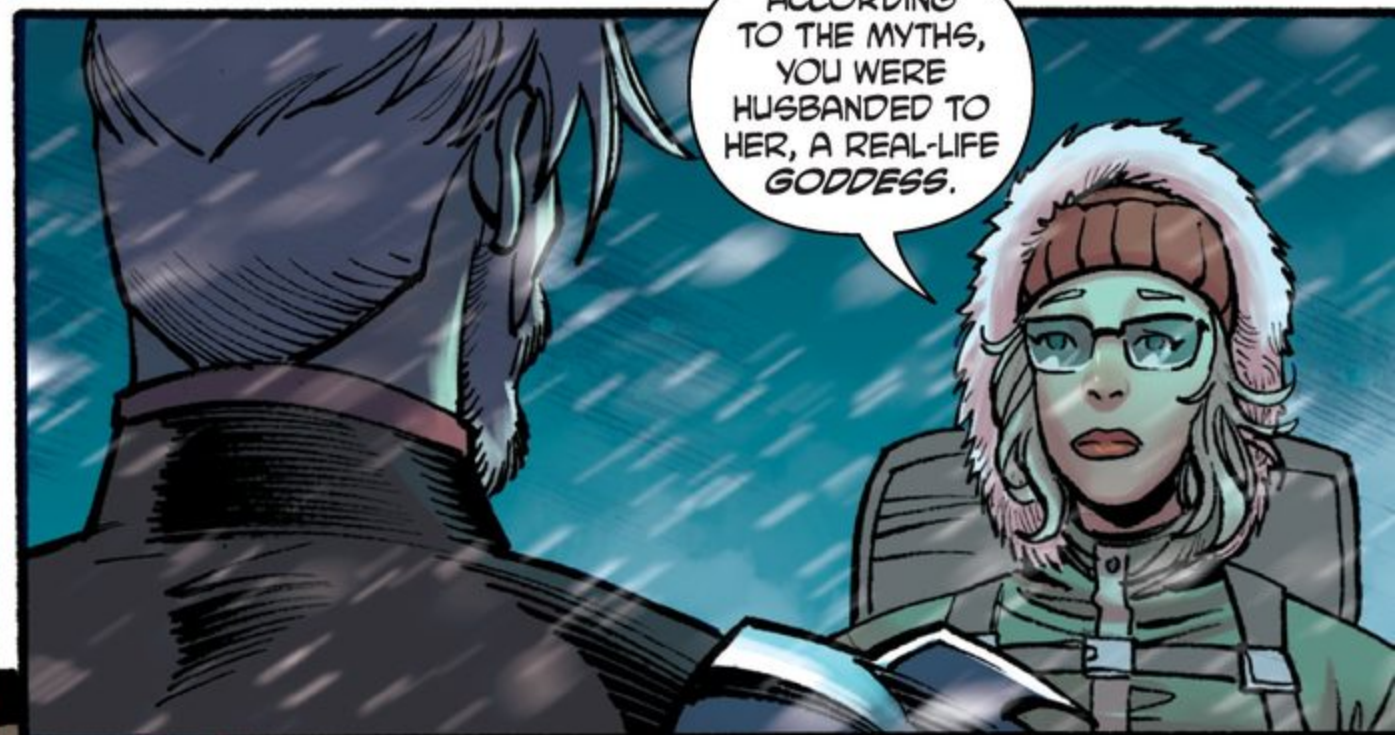
<PERHAPS
SOMEDAY, MY
CURIOSITY WILL BE
PIQUED ENOUGH TO
RETURN HERE AND
FIND OUT.>



<YOU FAILED ME,
MYZOKO. THE FOOT
MYSTICS BETRAYED
ME.>



<I AM
DISPLEASED.>



"THAT WAS WHY YOU SOUGHT IMMORTALITY IN THE FIRST PLACE, ALL THOSE CENTURIES AGO. SO YOU COULD REMAIN BY HER SIDE.

"IF YOU HAD AN ITEM OF SUCH POWER IN YOUR HANDS, I CAN'T IMAGINE ANYONE COULD HAVE CONVINCED YOU TO GIVE IT UP...EXCEPT HER."



I HAD
NEVER SEEN
KITSUNE AFRAID
BEFORE.

SHE SHRANK
FROM THAT JEWEL
AS THOUGH IT WERE
RADIOACTIVE.



I REALIZED
THAT TO HER,
IT WAS.



"A RELIC CAPABLE OF
HARMING THE GODS,
REMAKING THEM.



"SO GREAT WAS MY LOVE FOR
HER, I SENT IT AWAY. I SENT IT
HERE, UP THE MOUNTAIN.

"I TOLD THEM IT WAS AN
HONOR TO HAVE BEEN
CHOSEN. BUT IT WAS AS
THE MOURNER SAID. IT
WAS EXILE."



BY PUSHING
THE FOOT MYSTICS
AWAY, I HAVE ALLOWED
THEM--AND THEIR POWER--
TO BE TURNED
AGAINST ME.

THIS WAS
AN ERROR.
PERHAPS.



LOOK. THE
BLIZZARD IS
ABATING...



"...YOUR CRAFT SHOULD
BE CAPABLE OF PICKING
US UP FROM HERE."



"COLONEL KNIGHT. I AM
RERECORDING THIS
TESTIMONIAL, AS I THINK
I MISJUDGED THE
SHREDDER'S INTENTION
IN TAKING ME UP THE
MOUNTAIN."

"PERHAPS HE DID
NOT SEEK MY
DEATH."



"PERHAPS, INSTEAD,
HE WAS TESTING ME...
EDUCATING ME."

"PERHAPS, IN SOME SMALL
WAY...THE SHREDDER WAS
LETTING ME IN."

E.P.F. HEADQUARTERS,
NEW YORK CITY.

WE ARE
RETURNING NOW
TO NEW YORK
WITH HASTE...

...SHREDDER
SEEMS TO HAVE
SUSPICIONS AS TO
WHERE THE MOURNER
SEEKS TO PLACE HER
EXTRADIMENSIONAL
WEAPON.

YOU HEAR
THAT, COLONEL
KNIGHT?

SHREDDER
HAS HIS
SUSPICIONS!

THOUGH I
THINK, BY NOW,
YOU DO TOO.

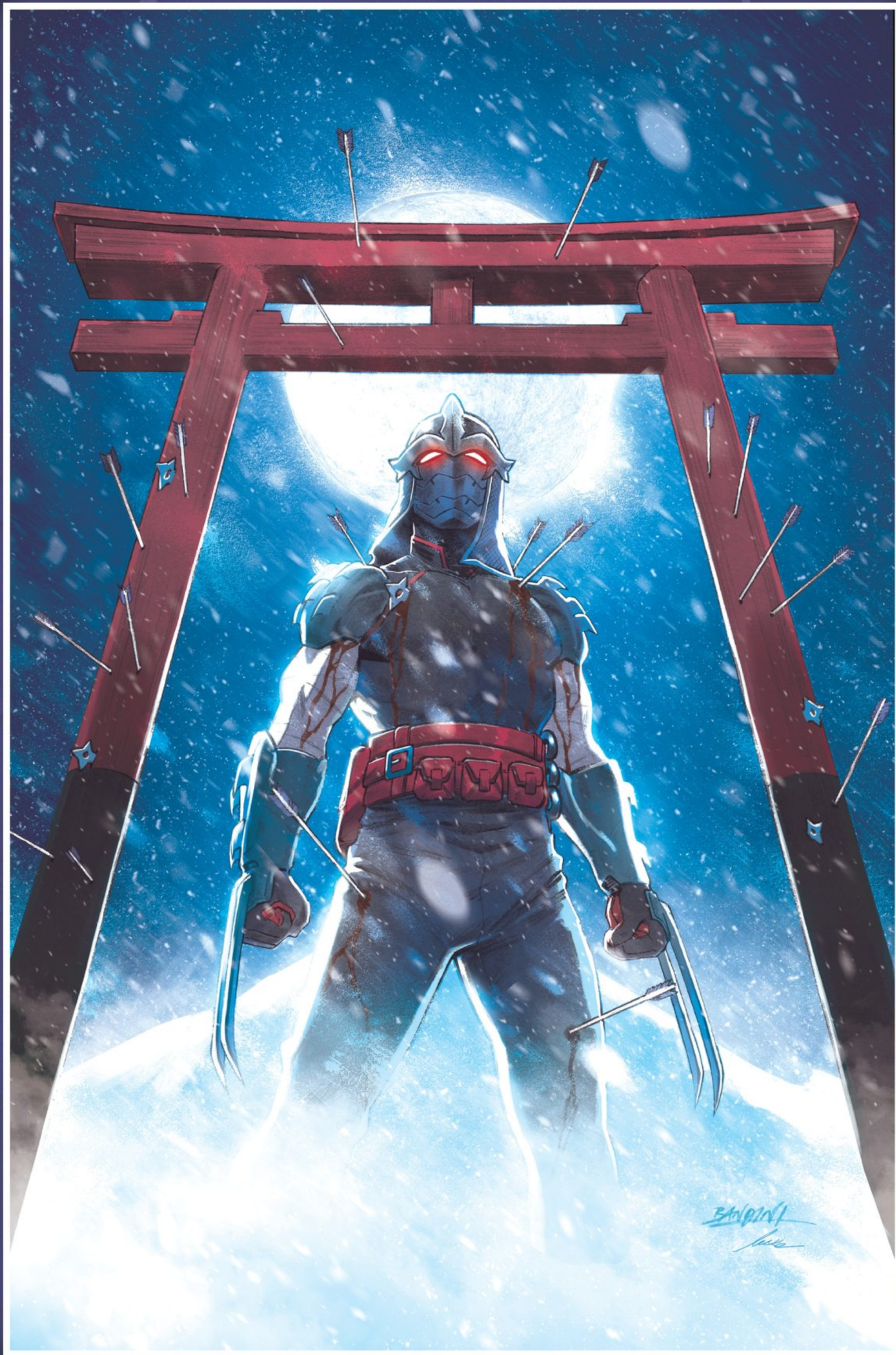
NEXT:
BACK
IN THE
NEW YORK
GROOVE!

NEXT MONTH





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BEAT. BROKEN. BACK IN THE GAME.

CASEY JONES RETURNS FROM THE EDGE AND THIS TIME HE'S NOT PLAYING NICE.

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

CASEY JONES



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NO MERCY. NO RULES. JUST CASEY.

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VIEW FROM THE BACK PAGE



Happy new year, comics fans! 'Tis I, TMNT group editor **Jake Thomas**, writing you from my sewer lair to let you know about the incredible year we have planned for everyone's favorite **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**.

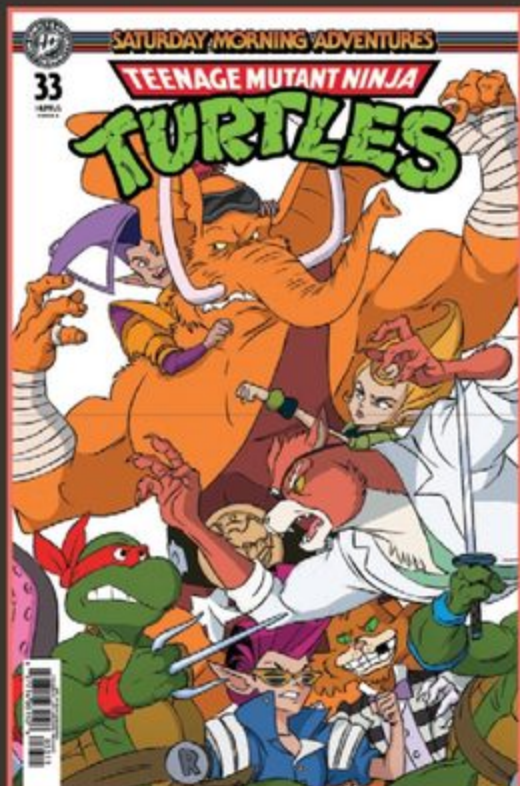
On the main title, we've just begun a new era with Gene Luen Yang and Freddie E. Williams II! Issue #14, their second, comes out this month, so there's still time to jump on board the start of what is sure to be an epic run. We've also crunched some numbers and realized that if you add up every main-title TMNT book over all the series, we'll be hitting 300 issues with #20 this July! Do we have something big planned? You bet your shell we do. The countdown to #300 starts now!



Also this month, we're in the middle of our epic **BATTLE NEXUS** event. Different iterations of Turtles across all media will enter the Battle Nexus, but who will leave victorious? Written and drawn by a veritable who's who of TMNT comics, the event includes an incredible cross-section of enemies and allies all thrown into brutal combat with each other. And it's not just a big brawler of an event—the outcome will have a lasting impact on our Heroes in a Half-Shell.

In more villainous news, **SHREDDER** continues to tear through anyone who stands in his way in his solo book written by Dan Watters and drawn by Michele Bandini and Sid Kotian. The first arc comes to its stunning conclusion in March with SHREDDER #6, and then in arc 2...well, let's just say ol' Shred-Head isn't getting any nicer.

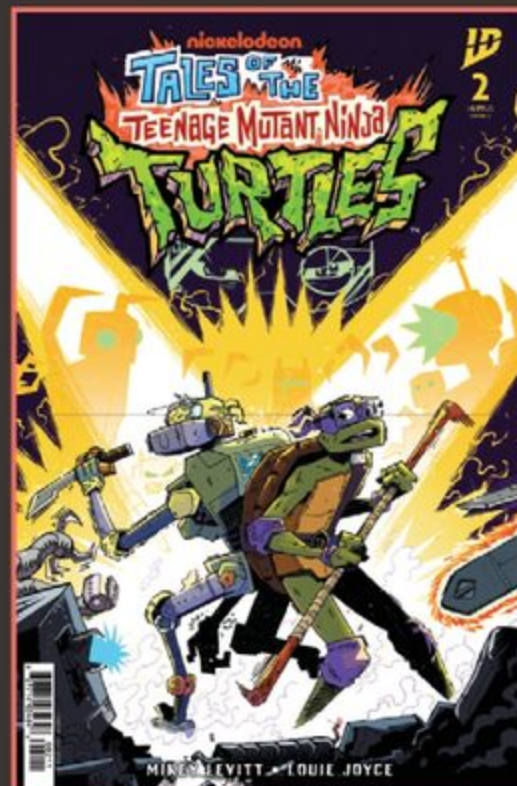
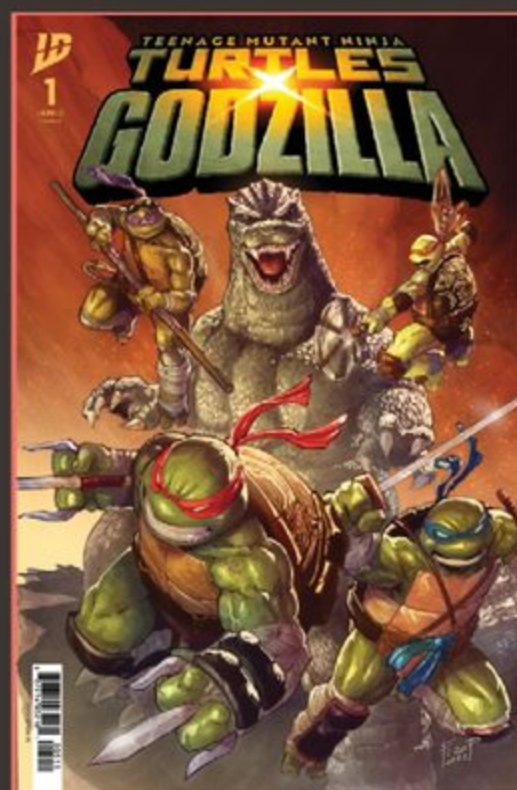
If you thought we couldn't get bigger and badder than that, let me tell you, we're prepared to go kaiju size. **TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES x GODZILLA** is crushing it in every way possible, a monstrously good time from Tim Seeley and Fero Pe! Mutants and monsters—what could be better?



For the young and the young at heart, **TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: SATURDAY MORNING ADVENTURES** continues the stories of the '87 cartoon, with Erik Burnham, Sarah Myer, and Dan Schoening filling their pages with all the humor and heart of the original show. There's also the second arc of **TALES OF THE TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES**, following the newest animated Turtles, written by Andrew Jousta and drawn by Louie Joyce.

From all of us here at IDW, we wish you a Turtle-riffic 2026!

Jake Thomas
Group Editor



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